

schools continue to be targeted by militants. Her strength, determination and accomplishments are deserving of recognition.

I welcome my colleagues in the House to join me in honoring and congratulating Malala Yousafzai on receiving the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize by becoming a co-sponsor of this resolution.

HONORING MS. CARLA ROSS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a remarkable Professional woman of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Ms. Carla Ross is an effective, skilled and professional community developer. Carla has used her education and work experience to transform her community. She is a native of the Mississippi Delta, having been born and raised in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. She has worked for Mound Bayou Public School District and St. Gabriel Mercy Center. As the Parent Center Coordinator, she supervised daily operations of the center, conducted workshops and seminars, provided educational materials and equipments, and served as a link between home and school to improve parental involvement in the education of their children.

During her time at St. Gabriel Mercy Center, Carla served as the Assistant Director supervising all educational programs, coordinated community service group activities and worked independently to develop methods and procedures to enhance existing programs. She is presently serving on the Board of Trustees for St. Gabriel Mercy Center. Carla previously served as the Regional Coordinator for America Reads Mississippi, the largest AmeriCorps program in the state of Mississippi for the Mississippi Delta Region at Delta State University. During that time she was instrumental in placing individuals from the community in various school districts to tutor students in the area of reading.

Carla is presently employed with Southern Bancorp Community Partners as an Individual Development Accounts (IDA) Program Coordinator. She is helping the Mississippi Delta residents save funds to purchase a home, start a small business or further their education.

Also, teaching financial literacy classes to program participants. Carla has earned a Masters Degree in Community Development from Delta State University and a Bachelors Degree in Family Human and Development from Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, Mississippi.

Carla is a proud member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated and serves as the Vice President of the Theta Phi Zeta Chapter located in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. The organization focuses on community service, academic achievement and mentorship. Serving to educate the public, assist youth, provide scholarship, support charities and promote legislation for social and civic change. Supporting such projects as Breast Cancer Awareness, Prematurity Awareness, Highway Cleanup and Youth Literacy Rallies.

Carla is the daughter of Ms. Carolyn Ross and sister to Mr. Chance Ross of Mound

Bayou, Mississippi. Carla is the niece to Ms. Portia Burton of Mound Bayou, Mr. Carlton Ross of Conyers, Georgia, Mr. Stanley Burton of Memphis, Tennessee and Mr. Ozzie Ross of Waco, Texas. Carla is the grand-daughter of the late Dorothy Ross Grady and niece to the late Brenda J. Grady and Bruce K. Burton of Mound Bayou, Mississippi.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing an amazing Professional for her dedication and service to her profession.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF COMER COTTRELL

HON. MARC A. VEASEY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Comer Cottrell, one of Texas' leading African American entrepreneurs and an education philanthropist in the Dallas community. His passing on October 3, 2014, leaves a void in the city of Dallas, and I join with the Texas community in giving our condolences to the Cottrell family.

Comer Cottrell was born on December 7, 1931, in Mobile, Alabama. He was 15 when he graduated from a private high school in 1946 and attended the University of Detroit, a Jesuit college. At age seventeen, Mr. Cottrell joined the United States Air Force and excelled to the rank of First Sergeant at a very young age. After completing his military service, Cottrell returned to Alabama, where he worked part time for his father's insurance company.

In 1968, Mr. Cottrell recalled his time serving in the U.S. Air Force and the lack of ethnic hair-care products, which sparked his interest in the black hair care business. In 1970, Mr. Cottrell and his brother James Cottrell founded Pro-Line Corporation, an African-American hair care products company in Los Angeles, California. The company's success grew and prompted his move to Dallas, Texas in 1979.

In 1990, Mr. Cottrell purchased and restored the former Bishop College land in southern Dallas to persuade Paul Quinn College to move its campus from Waco to Dallas, Texas. Today, the historically black college continues to provide educational opportunities for the entrepreneurs of tomorrow. In addition to his interest in education philanthropy, Mr. Cottrell became the first African-American to hold a major stake in a professional baseball team. In 1989, he became a part owner, with George W. Bush, of the Texas Rangers.

Mr. Cottrell is survived by his wife, Felisha Starks Cottrell of Dallas; a daughter, Renee Cottrell-Brown of Arlington; four sons, Comer Cottrell III of Dallas, Aaron Cottrell of New York, Bryce Cottrell, a University of Texas at Austin student, and Lance Cottrell, a University of Colorado student; a brother, James Cottrell of Dallas; nine grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

In honor of Mr. Comer Cottrell, a pillar of the Dallas business community, this statement will be entered into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

RECOGNIZING THE HOUSE GERMAN-AMERICAN CAUCUS

HON. JIM GERLACH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. GERLACH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the House German-American Caucus and the work it has done to maintain and strengthen the economic and cultural relationship between the United States and Germany.

The German-American Caucus is an informal, bipartisan group of House Members that was established in 2011. The idea of the Caucus originated with one of my constituents in Pennsylvania's 6th District, Thomas Siedenbuehl, who is a native of Germany and now a proud U.S. citizen. Given the countless contributions that early and recent German émigrés have made to our nation, the formation of a caucus to bridge the historical, cultural and economic ties of the U.S. and Germany was most appropriate.

In total, over 50 million American citizens claim German ancestry. Additionally, Germany is not only the largest economy in the European Union and third largest in the world, but the largest market for U.S. goods in Europe, importing more than \$50 billion each year. German-owned companies are investing in America and have created approximately one million jobs in the U.S. Because of these strong economic and cultural ties, the Caucus has worked to build a closer relationship with our European ally to encourage further investment in America.

In addition to the numerous roundtable discussions and dinners between Members of Congress and the German Bundestag, as well as with the German Ambassador and U.S. Ambassador to Germany, the Caucus has helped facilitate various other events that highlight and strengthen German-American ties. These include the Congress Bundestag Youth Exchange, the Maifest Dinner, and the annual Oktoberfest celebration. The Caucus also works closely with the German-American Business Council and its executive committee chairman, Uli Gamerding, who provides outstanding advice and support for Caucus activity.

Mr. Speaker, in recognition of the work the Caucus has done to maintain and strengthen the relationship between the United States and Germany, and with the hope of continuing the work it has begun, I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the efforts of the German-American Caucus of the United States House of Representatives.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS LIONS CLUB

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Atlantic Highlands Lions Club as its members gather to celebrate its 90th anniversary this year. This milestone and its commitment to service is truly deserving of this body's recognition.